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## LABORS OF COUNTY COURT AT ITS QUARTERLY SESSION

**Sheriff Walker Allowed \$200 Ex-officio Fee; County Offices to Be Investigated.**

Court convened in Quarterly session Monday of last week. They closed their labors so late Tuesday that we were unable to secure the proceedings but give the result of their deliberations now.

All justices were present. Judge S. N. Smith made his quarterly report, which was published last week. Superintendent J. S. Cline made his annual report, which was accepted and ordered spread of record.

W. M. Clifton was granted permission to peddle patent medicines in the county without license, because of physical disability.

Geo. P. Burnett tendered his resignation as a member of the county Board of Education and the names of J. S. Reed and D. M. Swicegood were voted upon to fill the vacancy. Mr. Reed received 7 votes and Swicegood 4. Geo. P. Burnett also tendered his resignation as a member of the Poorhouse Commission and F. A. Iosbough was elected to fill the vacancy.

M. F. Reed and Litton Thurman were elected members of the Revenue Committee.

### COMMITTEES.

The following committees were appointed by the court:

Tax Levy—U. S. Rose, R. A. Powell, J. A. Frey.

Jail—C. H. McCoy, Wm. Woody, Jas. Tucker.

Poor House—O. B. Rector, Thos. Selby, D. W. Lundy.

Finances—R. A. Powell, Wm. Woody, C. J. Wheeler.

Owing to the severe sickness of John Q. Burnett it was ordered by the court that all checks drawn by the Highway Commission be required to only bear the signatures of J. W. Dorton and J. A. Kemmer.

It seems that Sheriff Walker was called to Crab Orchard by the mayor of that town in an effort to apprehend supposed violators of the bone dry law, but the effort seemed to bring no good results and the court felt that not sufficient care had been exercised to determine if there was real violation and the court declined to pay the item of \$9 for car hire.

The court declined to pay the inquest bill over the body of Mr. Webb, who was killed by his stepson some weeks ago, on the grounds that there was an eye witness to the killing, which rendered an inquest unnecessary and illegal.

Litton Thurman was released from road work and poll tax because of physical disability.

The money that had been borrowed from the county by Judge S. N. Smith amounting to approximately \$17,000, was approved by the court, but a resolution was passed forbidding any person to borrow money for the county until after it had been approved by the court as a whole in quarterly session.

Hugh L. Woody was released from \$5000 personality as same had been erroneously entered upon the tax book. J. D. McClarney was elected a notary public.

Insurance was taken on the court house in the sum of \$5000 for five years.

An order was passed appointing a committee of three to investigate the financial condition of every county officer and that the committee be empowered to employ such assistance as they deem necessary. The committee was directed to report its findings at the next quarterly term of court. Those named on the committee were: R. A. Powell, J. F. Brown and O. B. Rector. Judge S. N. Smith was made ex-officio member of the committee.

The following persons were restored to road duty and payment of poll tax: J. W. Treadway, Eb Watson, Oscar Smith, Bart Reed, George Reed, Jim Baker and Bob Tilley.

All appropriations for persons outside of the porchouse were cut off, except in so far as the law designated.

Sheriff G. W. Walker was allowed \$200 as ex-officio fee for the year 1922, the same to be paid quarterly.

### HIGH LIVING.

Believed to be the highest inhabited house in the world is a stone hotel in the Dorkia Pass, Tibet, which is occupied every summer by a Tibetan outpost of four or five men. The house stands at a height of 18,400 feet, or three and a half miles.

## CENTENARY PAY-UP-WEEK JAN. 29 TO FEB. 5

**Every Person Who Has Pledged to the Centenary Work Will Be Asked to Help.**

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 17. (Special)—Rev. W. B. Ricks, missionary secretary for the Tennessee annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, with headquarters at Nashville, Tennessee, has announced that during the week of January 29-February 5, Methodists of this section will observe "pay-up-week" for the centenary of Missions movement. During the week it is expected that every church in the Tennessee conference, and every member of the church who made a pledge to the Centenary movement will be asked to make some payment on these pledges.

According to Dr. Ricks, the Tennessee conference has made a good record in Centenary giving, ranking seventh among the 38 conferences of Southern Methodism; in the percentage of its Centenary to date it makes an even better showing, ranking fifth among the conferences of the entire church.

"And the Centenary has done much for Tennessee conference," said Dr. Ricks. "One of the large investments of these funds was in the Conference Institute at Nashville, a modern, up-to-date plant doing social service and relief work and ministering in a practical way to a large industrial population. The new mountain school at Crossville, Tennessee, is receiving substantial help from Centenary moneys. Possibly the biggest thing the movement has done for Tennessee Methodism is that it has practically doubled the appropriations of the pastors on home mission territory. Since ten percent of the total amount paid by the conference on its Centenary pledges will be returned to the conference to supplement the support of missionary enterprises in the bounds of the Tennessee conference, it is important that the work of Centenary collections be pushed during pay-up-week. But for this help the conference board of Missions could not have taken care of its own missionary enterprises last year; and missionary pastors must look to Centenary payments to supplement their salaries for the present year."

It is believed that even in face of unfavorable business and financial conditions, Tennessee conference will make a splendid showing for pay-up-week and that with the close of the week the conference will go even higher among all the conferences of the connection in the amount of Centenary pledges paid.

### LIFE SENTENCE CONFIRMED

John S. Williams, on whose farm the bodies of eleven dead negroes were found and for the death of whom Williams was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Alabama Penitentiary, will have to serve his term as the finding of the lower court has been confirmed by the State Supreme Court.

The two sons of Williams are fugitives from justice as they are wanted for being implicated in the crimes. They were very wealthy, owning several thousand acres of rich Alabama land.

### MASONS AND O. E. S.

The annual meeting of the several Masonic bodies of the state and the Eastern Star will convene in Nashville next week from January 23 to 27. This is a little earlier than these meetings have been held in some previous instance, but they always come in January.

Arrangements have been made with the railroads whereby Masons, and the dependents can secure tickets at one and one-half fare for the round trip but in order to be entitled to this rate you must be a Mason or member of the Eastern Star and must have a printed round trip Identification Certificate. These can be procured by calling on G. F. Brookhart, secretary of the Masonic Blue Lodge, or Mrs. U. S. Rose, secretary of the Eastern Star Chapter here. If you plan to go do not fail to get one of these certificates for if you do not have one to present when you go to purchase your ticket the agent cannot tell you a ticket for less than the full fare both ways.

Nobody has as yet set up a repair shop for broken resolutions.

## PIERPONT-PAXTON COMPANY IN HANDS OF RECEIVERS

**Big Slump in Lumber Prices Is Given by the Company as Cause.**

About January 1 the Pierpont-Paxton Company, with headquarters at Bristol, who have been operating a large lumber business at Devil Step Hollow, some nine miles south-east of Crossville, were placed in the hands of receivers, C. G. Black and C. E. Paxton, who are instructed by the court to temporarily operate the mill, located as above stated.

It is not known at this time what the extent of the operations will be. At the next session of Chancery Court at Crossville, orders will likely be made directing the further operation by the receivers or otherwise.

This is a fine tract of timber, comprising several thousand acres, and is regarded as one of the best timber tracts in the state. The company feel that their assets are ample to meet all obligations and leave considerable residue to the company.

The company attribute their present financial embarrassment to the sudden slump in lumber prices a few months ago, which necessitated their closing down their mills but did not enable them to realize on the lumber to a sufficient extent to permit them to meet pressing obligations. Now lumber prices are better they hope to soon adjust all claims against them in such a manner as to permit them to operate with a profit.

## WHY DOES THE COUNTY BORROW SO MUCH MONEY

**Lack in Levying Assessment and the Large Amount Due from Tennessee Central Railroad.**

Doubtless some people over the county will be much surprised to know that the county has borrowed around \$17,000 within the past few months and would be glad to know the reason why.

There are several reasons which are wrapped up primarily under two heads: First lack of making the tax levy as high as it should be, that may be explained in this way: It is clear that the Tax Levy Committee has either worked with a large measure of guess work or without a carefully considered budget plan. In either case they have tried so diligently to keep the tax levy down to the lowest possible point that they have failed to take fully into consideration the unavoidable and probable expenses of the county. It is well understood that since every character of service and material has advanced so greatly, the taxes the people must pay to meet the expenses of the county should naturally be increased accordingly. It is clear that the levy committee have underestimated the demands and by that means the county was forced to borrow to meet needs.

Another strong point is that the Tennessee Central has not been paying taxes for a year or two and the road now owes the county close to \$15,000. That this is likely to be paid at no distant date, if the sale of the road is confirmed, every one under stands.

Another point is that at this time of the year only a small part of the taxes have been collected and the heaviest burden of expenses falling at the time when collections are light would naturally result in a deficit.

Perhaps one of the strongest reasons is that this time, when war conditions have accustomed every one to be more lax in expenditures, that spirit has to some degree destroyed the usual care and watchfulness that marks the action of the court and they spent more than they should have done.

Most of the money borrowed was to pay school teachers as the court realized that it would have been unjust to ask the teachers to carry the burdens of the county.

When the taxes are collected we learn every department of the county that every department of the county will have a favorable balance, except possibly the County and Road funds. Taking the situation all in all it is not so bad as it appears on the face and we confidently expect it to be much relieved within a short time.

"Pussyfoot" Johnson says "England will be dry soon." What most of us would like to know, however, is when America is going to be dry.

## AMERICAN LEGION POST WILL GIVE MINSTREL

**Proceeds for Benefit of Milo Lemert Post, Monterey; Five Acts, Tomorrow Night.**

Members of Milo Lemert Post of the American Legion, Monterey, were here last week and arranged for putting on a five-act minstrel show tomorrow night at the Mecca theater. The proceeds are to go to help provide band instruments for the post boys.

This minstrel show was put on at Monterey and was a rousing success, hence our people may expect to be well entertained. The post boys should have a splendid crowd both for their own sakes and as an honor to Sergeant Milo Lemert who fell fighting in France. He has hosts of friends in this county who should take special delight in attending this show as a compliment to his memory as well as to extend a helping hand to the ex-service boys.

## DEATH PENALTY AFFIRMED BY THE SUPREME COURT

**Stevens, Christmas, Petree and McClure to Be Executed Wednesday, March 1.**

A wave of satisfaction will sweep over the state when it becomes known that Otto Stevens, Tom Christmas, John McClure and Charles Petree will have to suffer, the extreme penalty for the foul murder they committed a few miles from Clinton, Anderson county, last summer, when they cut the throat of George Lewis.

It will be remembered that the killing was most cruel and wanton as Lewis had done them no injury and was in fact an entire stranger to them but the yput him out of the way to help their plans to rob the Oakdale bank, which they attempted the same morning at about eight o'clock, but failed.

The mother of Petree sat behind him sobbing as the decision was rendered. Two of the prisoners were joking and seemed to take little interest in the action of the court.

### SEATED.

Truman H. Newberry, who defeated Henry Ford for United States senator of Michigan and over whose election there has been such a stir, was seated last week by a majority of five votes. He made a speech in the senate and claimed he knew nothing of the excessive use of money in his behalf until after the election. He was serving with the American army when the election was held and was not in the state on the day of the election.

## GRASSY COVE

Rev. P. E. Radford passed through the Cove last week on his way to Jewett.

N. M. Hartman and family were in Crossville Tuesday.

Jesse Knox was a county seat visitor Friday.

Rev. Tedford filled his regular appointment here Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

W. B. Andrews was in Crossville Saturday.

Dr. Lewis was called to see the little son of George Knox last week. J. A. Kemmer was in Crossville Saturday.

Paul Davenport was in Crab Orchard Saturday.

Blanch Ford is attending school at Jewett this winter.

M. S. Bristow was in Crab Orchard Saturday.

John Gist and sister, Miss Bessie, visited friends at Meridian Sunday evening.

Rev. P. E. Radford delivered a very interesting sermon here Sunday evening to an attentive audience.

Jan. 16 Coveite.

The committee appointed by the County Court to investigate the financial condition of all the county offices met yesterday and organized. They have a room at the Commercial hotel where they will be able to work undisturbed. They may decide to secure expert assistance as none of the committee are expert accountants or bookkeepers. The committee is composed of O. B. Rector, J. F. Brown and R. A. Powell.

## VIRULENT TYPE SMALLPOX COMING FROM THE WEST

**Mortality in Some Cases Has Been 50%; Vaccination the Only Sure Safeguard.**

The daily press has carried the news item for a few days that a very deadly type of smallpox is moving this way from states west of the Mississippi and that the people should employ the only known safeguard, that of being vaccinated. We quote from a letter just received by Dr. W. A. Reed, county health physician, from Dr. Olin West, secretary and executive officer of the state board of health. The quotation follows:

"A very fatal type of smallpox has been extremely prevalent in some of the states west of the Mississippi River during the last several weeks. During a part of the time the mortality in some communities has approached fifty percent, and in one city the mortality has been maintained for some time at more than thirty percent. It seems to be unquestionably true that the disease is extending toward the Mississippi River to the East and is, therefore, threatening to invade our own state."

"Tennessee is not in position to look upon a threatened invasion of virulent smallpox with any degree of calmness, because many thousands of the children of this state have never been vaccinated at all, and further because the older children and the adult population of the State of Tennessee have not been vaccinated for several years. The population is therefore, poorly protected against smallpox, and if the disease in virulent type were to gain a foothold in the state, the consequences would no doubt be disastrous."

"This state has direct lines of communication through Memphis and otherwise with the Western states in which the outbreaks of smallpox in its most virulent form have occurred and are now in progress. I am, therefore, writing, as Secretary and Executive Officer of the State Board of Health, to all the health officers in Tennessee to urge upon them the vital necessity of insisting upon every possible safeguard for the prevention of smallpox in this state. I would especially urge that you advise the public of the danger that threatens and that you use every effort to persuade the people to avail themselves of the protective benefits of vaccination."

"Smallpox of the usual mild type is already in evidence in a number of Tennessee counties, and extreme care should be taken to prevent the further spread of the disease even in this mild form. The most important thing, however, is that we shall guard against the invasion of smallpox of a more virulent type from the states in the West where a large number of deaths have recently occurred."

### NO MARKED CHANGE.

Late yesterday the condition of John Q. Burnett was reported to show no marked change from a week ago, other than that he was possibly slightly weaker. He had one very serious attack that it was thought would prove fatal, but he rallied and since has in general been about as for some days.

### RATS, RATS,

Rat Tails, rat tails, rat tails, rat tails. Boys, by taking tails of the rats you kill to Geo. Harrison at Harrison Motor Company Garage, you can get five cents each for the tails. No need to take anything but the tails, but they must be the tails of rats.

It is this way: Monday night a few business men met at the store of Measamer Brothers and were discussing something that they felt would be helpful to Crossville and Cumberland county and W. T. Hudson suggested that a campaign be started against the rats. The idea met with instant favor and before one could thing twice \$50 had been pledged to help the rat campaign. It was decided that five cents a piece would be paid for rat tails when delivered to Geo. Harrison.

G. E. Harrison has offered a premium of \$100 to the person who brings in the most rat tails. There may be some other premiums offered later. It is expected that fully \$50 will be raised and if it is all expended it will prove very disastrous to the rats. Here's hoping it may.

M. W. West was able to be out yesterday for the first time in several days. He has been suffering with what seemed to be an attack of flu.